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Paula Doughty Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation 12000 West 2100 South P.O. Box 6001 Magna, Utah 84044-6001

Subject: <u>Current and Upcoming Projects at Kennecott Utah Copper (KUCC)</u>, <u>Bingham Canyon and North Tailings</u>, <u>Salt Lake County</u>, <u>Utah</u>

Dear Ms. Doughty:

Thank you for your August 5, 2005 letter, informing the Division of current and upcoming KUCC activities. The activities described will require a modification to the current mining and reclamation plan for the Bingham Mine and the North Tailings Impoundment. The modification should provide an overview and description of the actual and proposed mining operations as well as a detailed reclamation plan, as required by R647 rules. The level of detail needed for the description of the mining operations should be to allow the Division to identify the worst case reclamation situation at any point in time and understand the proposed reclamation.

Our staff is available to work with you to identify the permitting requirements and incorporate the changes into your current approved plan. If you have any questions please contact Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382 or myself at (801) 538-5258.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mining Program Coordinator Minerals Reclamation Program

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